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## **Summary of January 24, 2000 Faculty Senate Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Call for Press Identification**
2. **Comments from Chair McDevitt**
3. **Comments from Chair Kelly**
4. **Comments from Provost Podolefsky**

### **CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING**

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Discussion followed. Nominations should be forwarded by e-mail or brought to the next meeting.

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## **CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS**

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Nelson moved (Varzavand seconded) to accept the total Curriculum Proposal.  
Motion carried.

### **651 Request for Emeritus Status from Jeanne Harms, Curriculum and Instruction.**

Cooper moved (Nelson seconded) that the request from Jeanne Harms for Emeritus Status be approved.  
Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Romanin moved (Blackwell seconded) to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn carried

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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## **Minutes of the University Faculty Senate Meeting January 24, 2000 1551**

**PRESENT:** Michael Blackwell, Mary Boes (for Kathryn van Wormer) Bud Bowlin, Karen Couch Breitbach, Carol Cooper, Aaron Spurr (for Lyn Countryman), Jim Jurgenson, Jim Kelly, Syed Kirmani, Suzanne McDevitt, Lauren Nelson, Chris Ogbondah, Dan Power, Tom Romanin, Laura Terlip, Shahram Varzavand, Barbara Weeg .

**ABSENT:** Kenneth Basom, David Christensen, Richard Utz.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair McDevitt called the Senate to order at 3:17 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Romanin moved (Weeg seconded) that the minutes of November 22, 1999 be approved.

Minutes of November 22, 1999 were approved.

Announcements were deferred till the end of the meeting to move on to consideration of calendar items for docketing.

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Suzanne welcomed visitors.

**College of Business Administration:** Bud Bowlin reported a couple of new majors, a Master of Accounting, due to a change in Iowa law, effective January 1, 2001, that requires those individuals that want to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Iowa to have 150 hours of education. The Master of Accounting degree gives students the option of obtaining the 150 hours, which would be 24 hours beyond the undergraduate degree. The Masters itself is a 30 hour program so students would have more than the 150 hours required for CPA licensing.

The other new major is in Real Estate. That major is coming about because of a contractual agreement with the State Board of Realtors. About 5 years ago the Board of Realtors started giving to the College of Business a considerable amount of money each year to pay for some faculty and a program manager to offer real estate courses and it was the intent of the Board of Realtors and College of Business Administration that eventually we would have a major in real estate. Real Estate has been taught as an emphasis or minor, for non-business majors so it has been in existence for several years. Forty to fifty students are in that program.

Faculty Council approved last year allowing the different departments to offer minors and also to offer a double major which had not been allowed previously.

Some of the course changes listed in the Curriculum Proposal are dealing with the Masters in Accounting Program.

Discussion followed.

Carol Cooper moved (Bowlin seconded) to approve the College of Business Curriculum Proposal. Motion approved.

**College of Education:** Cooper reported 2 new majors, a major in Athletic Training and a major in Physical Education as a B.A. Program. Dropping the Athletic Training minor.

Discussion followed.

Cooper moved (Bowlin seconded) to accept the College of Education Curriculum Proposal. Motion carried.

**College of Humanities and Fine Arts:** (*Terlip?*) reported they have added 35 courses and dropped 30. There are a few title and description changes. Created a couple of certificates out of existing programs. Dropped the Journalism Teaching minor.

Terlip moved (Ogbondah seconded) to accept the College of Humanities and Fine Arts Curriculum Proposal. Motion carried.

**College of Natural Sciences:** Jurgenson reported the Science major has been dropped. In Biology the Natural History Interpretation major has been converted to a minor. Added a major in Earth Science called Interpretative Naturalist Major. There are 21 new courses in CNS. In Biology they are new because of new faculty hires and their expertises. Most of the changes are description of the courses.

Discussion followed.

Jurgenson moved (Kirmani seconded) to accept the College of Natural Sciences Curriculum Proposal. Motion carried.

**College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:** Mary Boes reported 15 new courses, no new majors. Most of the changes were description and prerequisite changes. No courses were dropped, no new minors. Most changes were in Design and Family and Consumer Sciences, Women's Studies and Geography.

Discussion. Julia Wallace said a lot of new courses developed by new faculty members and the new software program in Design.

Boes moved (Varzavand seconded) to accept the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Curriculum Proposal. Motion carried.

**Special Programs:** No changes.

Chair McDevitt called for an overall motion to accept the total package of Curriculum Proposal.

Discussion of how long the curriculum proposal takes and why the Senate shouldn't have to debate it at great lengths.

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Cooper suggested that a note be sent to those who get approval for emeritus status.  
Chair McDevitt suggested that we develop a procedure for the future.

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**CALL FOR PRESS IDENTIFICATION:** Jeff Scudder, Representative of Northern Iowa.

**COMMENTS FROM FACULTY SENATE CHAIR McDEVITT:**

Chair McDevitt hopes that we can continue to improve in our mutual dialogue with the administration and the other sectors to continue to enhance the university and its functions.



We are beginning to put together the Professional Development Task Force. We still need some committee members and McDevitt has e-mailed the Senate Chairs. We have people designated from Business but we still need more. McDevitt hopes Faculty Senate members will encourage their college senates to get us some names.

We are proceeding on the Presidential Evaluation Committee.

The Educational Policies Commission has had several meetings. This is another one of the very important things that the Senate does.

**COMMENTS FROM FACULTY CHAIR KELLY:**

Kelly thinks we will be very pleased with the way we are approaching the Presidential Evaluation. It is going to be a new focus and an entirely different way in doing that. Senators will see, as they receive information, that the approach is quite nice.

The Government's Committee is coming together so that issue will be put to rest this semester. Kelly has asked past chairs of the senate, past chairs of the faculty to meet so we can get this issue to rest.

We are finishing up the Regents Awards this week and will have this ready to present to the Senate at the next meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM PROVOST PODOLEFSKY:**

It's been a wonderful beginning for the first Senate Meeting of the year 2000. Characterized by collegiality, efficiency, effectiveness etc.

The first Millennium Lecture was postponed to Wednesday, 1/24/00.

This year we had to give \$446,341 back to the State. The Governor has assured us that this is a one time reversion, but there is nothing seen in legislation that puts it back. We are in a stable position and will be okay. The Governor's proposed budget supports only 2 of the items we had proposed. One was the MSW and the other is about 1/3 of the money that we would normally get for opening the PAC, that is it pays for utilities, custodial services and whatever. The PAC is 2/3's underfunded. All the other initiatives of undergraduate education, undergraduate instruction, graduate certification, the work force development we put together, were not recommended. (This was for this academic year, not the items that the Senate discussed in December of 1999.) This is less than 1/2 of what we had expected.

The other downside is that the proposal from the Governor does not recommend full funding of salaries. It appears to recommend about 1% lower. There were comments about using some tuition. Is this a one time thing or a pattern for the future? A

statement to the campus will be issued soon.

The legislators had de-appropriated the money they had already appropriated for two million dollars worth of work on Lang Hall. They tell us they are going to give it to us as a bond. The Biology Building is funded, but is funded as a bond rather than as cash. The big difference is that it costs 10% to bond things.

Discussion followed.

Romanin moved (Blackwell seconded) to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn carried

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Prepared by Judy Schreiber